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YEAR BOOK



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AMERICA

LATIN-AMERICA



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Plan of Study

1916

PART ONE AMERICA

Christmas Intermission

PART TWO LATIN-AMERICA

Organized 1901

CLUB COLORS—*Yellow and White*

CLUB FLOWER—*Daffodil*

CLUB DAY—*Tuesday*

"This is one of the advantages of Club life: It prevents our falling into a rut, it broadens our horizon, it enlarges our sympathies."

—Mrs. Percy Pennybacker.

Members

"When we look into the long avenue of the future
and see the good there is for each one of us to do,
we realize after all what a beautiful thing it is to
work—and to live—and be happy."

—Stevenson.

Mrs. W. B. Ballou	Mrs. J. W. Horner
Mrs. R. L. Brown	Mrs. G. T. Lumpkin
Mrs. T. N. Burwell	Mrs. R. G. Lassiter
Mrs. S. H. Cannady	Mrs. B. K. Lassiter
Mrs. Armistead Capehart	Mrs. A. H. Powell
Mrs. H. O. Furman	Mrs. C. D. Ray
Miss Susan Graham	Mrs. H. M. Shaw
Mrs. J. G. Hall	Mrs. John Webb
Mrs. B. K. Hays	Mrs. E. T. White
Mrs. A. A. Hicks	Mrs. R. H. Willis

Honorary—Mrs. Kate Hays Fleming

Officers

<i>President</i>	MRS. E. T. WHITE
<i>Vice-President</i>	MRS. ARMISTEAD CAPEHART
<i>Secretary</i>	MRS. S. H. CANNADY
<i>Treasurer</i>	MRS. J. G. HALL

Program Committee

MRS. H. O. FURMAN	MRS. A. H. POWELL
MRS. J. G. HALL	

Program

September Twelfth

HOSTESS, MRS. BALLOU

PART I.—AMERICA

“America is a country that looks forward instead of backward, whose ideals are principles instead of traditions.”

ROLL CALL

TRAITS OF THE AMERICAN NATION

Our Heritage from Other Nations	Mrs. Hall
Our Idealistic Patriotism	Mrs. Powell
Our Monroe Doctrine (Discussion led by)	Mrs. Shaw

September Twenty-sixth

HOSTESS, MRS. BROWN

“It is high time that we began to see that the immigrant is neither a joke nor a nuisance, but a human being.”

—Collier's.

ROLL CALL

CURRENT EVENTS

The Immigrant as Seen Through His Own Literature	Mrs. Webb
Americanizing the Immigrant	Mrs. Ballou
Am I My Brother's Keeper?	Mrs. Lumpkin

October Tenth

HOSTESS, MRS. BURWELL

"I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills."

ROLL CALL

AMERICAN ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

Historic Spots of America	Mrs. White
Natural Wonders of America	Mrs. R. G. Lassiter
Architecture and Engineering	Mrs. Cannady

October Twenty-fourth

HOSTESS, MRS. CANNADY

"The Capital of no other nation approaches it in the beauty of its situation, and nowhere else does nature so admirably lend itself to the embellishing touch of art."

ROLL CALL

MEN OF THE HOUR

Washington, The Nation's Capital	Mrs. Burwell
Washington, Beautiful by Nature and Art	Mrs. Ray
Washington's Educational Effect	Miss Graham

November Seventh

HOSTESS, MRS. CAPEHART

ROLL CALL

NATIONAL SPORTS AND GAMES OF OTHER COUNTRIES

American Sport, Games and Amusements	Mrs. Capehart
Growth and Influence of the Moving Picture Show	Mrs. Horner
The Great Prison Reform Movement	Mrs. Willis

November Twenty-first

HOSTESS, MRS. FURMAN

ROLL CALL

HOW OTHER NATIONS HAVE TRAVELLED

Great American Inventors	Mrs. B. K. Lassiter
Some Statistics of Automobiles, and How They Have Advanced Educational Interests	Mrs. Hicks
American Millionaires and What They Have Done for Public Good	Mrs. Brown

December Fifth

HOSTESS, MISS GRAHAM

ROLL CALL

MEN OF LETTERS WHO HAVE VISITED OUR COUNTRY

American Development in Science and Fine Arts	Mrs. Powell
American Journalism and the Great Daily Newspaper	Mrs. Webb
American Institutions	Mrs. Shaw

December Nineteenth

HOSTESS, MRS. HICKS

ROLL CALL

AMERICAN PRIMA DONNAS

Folk Music of America	Mrs. Furman
Some American Composers	Mrs. Hall
Piano and Voice Selections (To be selected by)	Mrs. Hicks

Christmas Intermission

Bells of Christmas

Bells of Christmas soon will chime,
And their tuneful notes will fly
From the steeples white with rime
To the clear star-frosted sky.

Soon the organ pipes will blow
Strains triumphant, loud and long
And the happy choir arow
Fill the whispering church with song

Soon the pungent scent of pine
Will perfume the chilly hall;
Holly spray and cedar twine
Precious pictures on the wall.

Soon the Christmas fires will flare
With a consciousness of light,
And home windows everywhere
Flood with golden mist the night.

Christmas bells prepare to ring
Let us have a joyful time
From your lofty rafters swing
Till the angels hear you chime.”
—John Henry Boner.

January Ninth

HOSTESS, MRS. J. G. HALL

PART II.—LATIN AMERICA

“Happy New Year!”

ROLL CALL

GREETINGS IN VERSE

The Pan-American Movement, and Its Ideals	Mrs. R. G. Lassiter
What is Latin-America?	Miss Graham
Contrast the Development of Nationality in Anglo-America with that of Latin-America	Mrs. Lumpkin

January Twenty-third

HOSTESS, MRS. J. W. HORNER

MEXICO

“Mother of Western Civilization!
Cradle of the American Race!”

ROLL CALL

CURRENT EVENTS

The Aztecs—Early Civilization	Mrs. Brown
Remains of Ancient Architecture	Mrs. Cannady
Wonderful Resources and Development of the Country	Mrs. B. K. Lassiter

February Sixth

HOSTESS, MRS. R. G. LASSITER

“In Honor Preferring One Another.”

ROLL CALL

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Reading of Constitution and By-laws

Secretary of the Club

February Twentieth

HOSTESS, MRS. B. K. LASSITER

ROLL CALL

CHARACTERISTIC TRAITS OF MEXICANS

Mexico, Queen City of Latin-America	Mrs. Ray
Some Mexican Institutions—Political	
Religious and Social	Mrs. Ballou
Remarkable Trees, Plants, Fruits	
and Flowers	Mrs. Furman

March Sixth

HOSTESS, MRS. G. T. LUMPKIN

“Our little systems have their day;
They have their day and cease to be.”

ROLL CALL

OTHER RACES THAT HAVE FLOURISHED AND
DECAYED

Yucatan—The Home of a Forgotten
Race

Mrs. Willis

Spanish Destruction of Records of this
Ancient People

Mrs. Capehart

Some Legends of the Mayas

Mrs. Horner

March Twentieth

HOSTESS, MRS. A. H. POWELL

ROLL CALL

CURRENT EVENTS

The Island Republics—Cuba, Haiti
and Dominica

Mrs. Burwell

Relations with the United States

Mrs. Shaw

Reading (to be selected)

Mrs. Brown

April Third

HOSTESS, MRS. C. D. RAY

ROLL CALL

Royal Descent of the Incas of Peru	Mrs. Hall
Wonderful Ancient History	Mrs. Ray
Today's Memorials of the Past—Terraced Mountains, Great Military Roads, Aqueducts, etc.	Mrs. B. K. Lassiter

April Seventeenth

HOSTESS, MRS. H. M. SHAW

ROLL CALL

Religious Rites of Incas, Deities, Gorgeous Temples, Festivals	Mrs. Webb
Their Mechanical Skill, with no Know- ledge of Iron	Miss Graham
Their Monuments and Hidden Treasure	Mrs. White

May First

HOSTESS, MRS. JOHN WEBB

ROLL CALL

The United States of Brazil	Mrs. Willis
Rio de Janeiro—The City Beautiful	Mrs. R. G. Lassiter
The Great Amazon	Mrs. Burwell

May Fifteenth

HOSTESS, MRS. E. T. WHITE

ROLL CALL

Argentina—The Great Agricultural State	Mrs. Powell
The Pampas—Ranching	Mrs. Capehart
Buenos Aires	Mrs. Cannady

May Twenty-ninth

HOSTESS, MRS. R. H. WILLIS

ROLL CALL

Chile, Its History and Development	Mrs. Hicks
The Great Andes	Mrs. Lumpkin
A Glance at Latin-American Civilization Today	Mrs. Ballou

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Club Record

Subjects Since Organization

- 1901-1902— { 1. American History
 2. Literature and Art
- 1902-1903—German History and Literature
- 1903-1904— { 1. North Carolina
 2. France
- 1904-1905—Holland
- 1905-1906—Italy
- 1906-1907—English History
- 1907-1908—Some English Poets
- 1908-1909— { Browning
 Sir Walter Scott
 George Eliot
- 1909-1910— { Browning
 Ruskin
 Ibsen
- 1910-1911—A Tour of Spanish Cities
- 1911-1912— { 1. Woman
 2. Modern Literature
- 1912-1913— { Southern Literature
 Music and Art
- 1913-1914— { 1. Japan
 2. Current Topics
- 1914-1915— { 1. Great Leaders of Today
 2. Some Writers of Today
- 1915-1916—Some Studies in English Drama

Constitution

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be known as the *Woman's Literary Club*. Its object is the literary and artistic culture of its members.

ART. 2. The officers shall be—(1) a President, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings, to appoint committees, and to see that the rules of the Club are observed; (2) a Vice-President, who shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the latter; (3) a Secretary, who shall keep the minutes and other records of the Club, and conduct all correspondence; (4) a Treasurer, who shall hold all funds belonging to the Club, collect dues and fines, and settle all accounts under direction of the President and Advisory Committee.

ART. 3. The election of officers shall be held on the first meeting in February. No member shall be eligible to the same office for two consecutive terms.

ART. 4. The membership shall be limited to twenty. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote and invitation of the Club.

ART. 5. A Program Committee of three shall be appointed at the second meeting in February by the President-elect. The duty of this Committee shall be to prepare a program for next term.

ART. 6. The Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall compose an Advisory Committee, to be consulted by the President in making appointments and other executive matters.

ART. 7. A meeting shall be held once in each alternate week from the second Tuesday in September to the last meeting in May. The meetings shall be held at the homes of the members in alphabetical order unless otherwise ordered by the Club.

ART. 8. Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

By-Laws

SECTION 1. Every member shall have the right to vote on all questions brought before the Club.

SEC. 2. Every member is expected to be present at every meeting of the Club. After three successive absences without an excuse, valid in the judgment of the Club, the name of the absentee will be dropped from membership: PROVIDED, she be notified by the Secretary after the second such absence.

SEC. 3. A fine of five cents shall be imposed for each fifteen minutes or fraction thereof from the calling to order until the entrance of a tardy member. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all such fines and their payment.

SEC. 4. The initiation fee shall be twenty-five cents. The yearly dues shall be one dollar.

SEC. 5. Programs for the entire season shall be printed at the expense of the Club, and shall be distributed to the members not later than August first.

SEC. 6. Any member who is unable to perform the duty assigned her may exchange duties with some member following her on the program. But three failures in this respect shall be considered as a resignation from membership. For failure to perform any duty assigned her on the program, or to provide a substitute, a fine of one dollar shall be imposed.

SEC. 7. Refreshments may be served at the discretion of the hostess but shall be limited to one simple course.

SEC. 8. Any member may bring to any meeting one guest, not a resident of Oxford: PROVIDED, the hostess be notified beforehand.

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